



## **Festive divine services in Bali**

On January 14, 2018, the Circumcision of the Lord and the commemoration day of St. Basil the Great, Archbishop Sergiy of Solnechnogorsk, administrator of the Moscow Patriarchate parishes in East and South-East Asia, celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the chapel of the St. Sergius of Radonezh community in Bali, Indonesia. Almost all the worshippers communicated.

The Russian compatriots residing in Bali have organized a community, rented a facility for arranging a chapel in it and petitioned to the Supreme Authority of the Russian Orthodox Church to establish a Parish of St. Sergius of Radonezh in Bali.

The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the new church on January 7, 2018.

Earlier, in 2003, Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad (now Patriarch of Moscow and All

Russia), then chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations (DECR) visited Bali to study a possibility for organizing pastoral care for the Orthodox there. In December 2007, Bishop Mark of Yegorievsk, then DECR vice-chairman (now Metropolitan of Ryazan and Mikhailovo), during his visit to Indonesia, explored a possibility of opening a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church in Bali.

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